

Francis Preston Blair to Andrew Jackson, April 23, 1837, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

FRANCIS P. BLAIR TO JACKSON.

Washington, April 23, 1837.

. . . . Major Lewis will tell you how all goes here. I think we will give a good account of the panic makers by the time of the meeting of Congress. It is believed by some, that the Specie order will be instantly repealed by the two Houses. I cannot think so. At least they will never pass a Bill making proper a payment of public dues, without leaving it to the Secretary of Treasury to refuse the notes of any Banks he pleases. Biddle was here yesterday and paid a complimentary visit to the President. He was received of course with civility, but I take it, his politeness will have about as much effect upon him (Van Buren) as the money of the Bank would have had on you.

We are all well, but Betsy, who has a sore throat and cough, the remnant of Influenza. It keeps me uneasy, not to say un-happy. We all join in love to you and mrs. Jackson, pray tell her that *our Sarah* has a fine *little one*. You remember I called our fine Durham, Sarah, by way of remembering at our morning repast one whom we like to remember among our most agreeable associations.